

## **CITIZENS' REVIEW PANEL FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

**MMRB Liaison: Meka Beacham, (407) 405-2943**

### **MISSION**

Evaluates, recommends, and monitors Orange County's allocation of funding to non-profit human service agencies, reviews need assessment/targeted community studies and United Way panel recommendations to make funding recommendations, and resolves agency appeals of funding recommendations. Funding recommendations are forwarded to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners for final action.

### **STATUS OF VACANCIES**

There are two vacancies on this 24-member board in the member-in-training representative category.

### **THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the appointment of Maria F. Saavedra and Randiesa Spires, both in the member-in-training representative category, with terms expiring December 31, 2026.

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
Maria F. Saavedra	Not Listed	1
Randiesa Spires	iBelieve Maternal Wellness & Counseling Center, Inc./Executive Director	3

### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Maria F. Saavedra:** Ms. Saavedra is a member of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. She is a member of World Orlando.

**Randiesa Spires:** Ms. Spires is the executive director for iBelieve Maternal Wellness & Counseling Center, Inc., where she has been employed for 10 years. She has a bachelor's degree in social work from Florida Atlantic University and a master's degree in social work from Barry University. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association of 100 Black Women.

**CURRENT BOARD**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
<b><u>At Large (15)</u></b>			
Todd S. Russell	06/04/24	12/31/26	4
Aaron E. Lewis	03/11/25	12/31/26	5
Germaine Graham, Ph.D.	02/06/24	12/31/27	2
Paula Wyatt	03/11/25	12/31/26	1
Danielle G. King	02/06/24	12/31/26	5
Melissa Kirk	12/13/22	12/31/25	4
Isa Dora Dean	04/11/23	12/31/26	2
Tiffany L. Tommasini	01/10/23	12/31/26	3
Sopi Mitil	09/14/21	12/31/26	4
Luis Nieves-Ruiz	04/09/19	12/31/26	5
Briana E. Lewis	01/10/23	12/31/26	6
Angela R. White-Jones, Ph.D.	12/13/22	12/31/26	2
Maria A. Martinelli	03/11/25	12/31/26	4
Jessica R. Pierre	12/13/22	12/31/26	2
Michael A. Broadus	12/13/22	12/31/26	3
<b><u>Economically Distressed</u></b>			
Yvette O. Pinder	08/13/24	12/31/26	6
<b><u>Physically Challenged</u></b>			
Daphne Simmons	04/11/23	12/31/25	5
<b><u>Senior Advocate</u></b>			
Artilla E. Martin	08/13/24	12/31/26	2

**CURRENT BOARD (continued)**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
<b><u>M/WBE Spokesperson</u></b>			
Tyechia C. Brown	08/13/24	12/31/26	1
<b><u>Youth Advocate</u></b>			
Sam C. Ramcharan	03/11/25	12/31/26	5
<b><u>At Large Member in Training (4)</u></b>			
Kelsey M. Taylor	03/11/25	12/31/26	3
Janae N. Moore	08/05/25	12/31/26	5
<b><u>Vacancy (2)</u></b>			

## Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 4/14/2025

**Application Number:** 94265

**Application Expires:** 4/14/2027

**Name:** Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra

**Business Address:**

Not Listed

**Home Address:**

10415 Jutland Court  
Orlando, FL 32821

**Mail Address:**

Not Listed

**Email Address:** fundartistica@hotmail.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(321) 946-1867

**Work Telephone Number:**

(321) 946-1867

**Employer:** Not Listed

**Job Title:** Not Listed

**Education:** Not Listed

**Years Employed:** Not Listed

**Boards of Interest:**

Community Action Board  
Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services  
Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I have 35 years of experience teaching, producing and promoting arts. I have been involved in arts and culture through non-profit organizations, grant evaluation, professional production and co production of events such as IMMERSE since 2014 and DTO since 2024, supporting local artists. I worked at the Colombia's Chancellery writing, developing and supporting projects in arts and culture for children, youth, women and community.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Mayra Uribe

**Phone Number:** (407) 836-5140

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Commissioner D 3

**Reference:** Margarita Parra

**Phone Number:** (407) 782-2666

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Funder of Ser Colombia

**Reference:** Cole NeSmith

**Phone Number:** (407) 375-1172

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Funder of Creative City Project

**Professional Organizations:** World Orlando

**From:** 2021

**To:** Present

**Professional Organizations:** Hispanic American Professional and Business Women Assotiation (VP)

**From:** 2021

**To:** 2023

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** Unlisted

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 1

**Previously Served On:** Arts & CultureDEI Committee 2022 - Present

**Year Previously Served:** 4

**Disabled:** Yes

## Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 6/27/2024

**Application Number:** 91282

**Application Expires:** 6/27/2026

**Name:** Ms. Randiesa Spires

**Business Address:**

618 E. South Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

**Home Address:**

7951 Jubilee Park Boulevard  
Apt. 2011  
Orlando, FL 32822

**Mail Address:**

7951 Jubilee Park Boulevard  
Apt. 2011  
Orlando, FL 32822

**Email Address:** rspires804@yahoo.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(321) 418-9196

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** iBelieve Maternal Wellness & Counseling Center, Inc.

**Job Title:** Executive Director

**Years Employed:** 10

**Education:**

**School:** Florida Atlantic University

**Degree:** Bachelor of Social Work

**School:** Barry University

**Degree:** Master of Social Work

**Boards of Interest:**

M/WBE Advisory Committee  
Membership and Mission Review Board  
Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services

**Licenses and Certificates:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**Issue Date:** 11/19/2024

**Issuing Authority:** Florida Department of Health

**Disciplinary Action:** None

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I have a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Master of Social Work (MSW), and I'm a Doctor of Social Work candidate with extensive experience across diverse social work populations, including child welfare, juvenile justice, hospice, medical social work, and community mental health. My teaching tenure at the School of Social Work at the University of Central Florida has enriched my academic and practical understanding of social work and community engagement. I actively serve as the Secretary of the National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter (NASW-FL), and am a dedicated member of the Orange County League of Women Voters, the Women's Executive Council, and the African American Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, I am a 2024 graduate of the Mayor's Academy. These roles have equipped me with robust skills in advocacy, community engagement, and strategic implementation of policies. My diverse background and leadership experience make me a strong candidate for the following boards: M/WBE Advisory Committee: With my comprehensive understanding of social work and community dynamics, I am well-prepared to assist in implementing the County's Minority/Women Business Enterprise Ordinance. My commitment to supporting minority and women-owned businesses aligns with the goals of this committee. Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services: My broad experience in various social work sectors positions me to effectively evaluate, recommend, and monitor county funding to non-profit human service agencies. I am dedicated to ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to support community needs. Membership and Mission Review Board: Given my extensive involvement in multiple social and civic organizations, I have a keen eye for assessing applications

applications for appointments to advisory boards. My experience ensures that I can make informed recommendations that will benefit the County's advisory structures.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Ebony Harris

**Phone Number:** (770) 733-8033

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Previous Supervisor

**Reference:** Annette Howard

**Phone Number:** (407) 697-3744

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Colleague

**Reference:** Stephanie Jean

**Phone Number:** (954) 701-9473

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Colleague

**Professional Organizations:** National Association of Social Workers

**From:** 2003

**To:** Not Listed

**Professional Organizations:** National Association of 100 Black Women - Palm Beach

**From:** 2020

**To:** Not Listed

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 2005

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 3

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Disabled:** No

**Current Applicants for the Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services as of 9/4/2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District/County</b>	<b>Application Date</b>
Bellar, Sam	Orange County District 2	7/30/2025
Castro, Jose G.	Orange County District 4	12/14/2024
Clark, John	Orange County District 2	12/13/2024
Cleridor, Rosmene	Orange County District 2	12/6/2024
Davis, Jeffrey S.	Orange County District 1	2/21/2025
Fox-Peters, Echo Melissa	Osceola County	4/10/2024
Grocholske, Matthew D.	Orange County District 5	12/9/2024
Hartwell, Eric E.	Orange County District 5	3/24/2024
Hirsch Korn, Alan I.	Orange County District 3	6/24/2024
Johnson, Latresa	Orange County District 6	1/30/2025
Kass, Kaley M.	Orange County District 5	8/20/2025
Lang, Ydalmis	Orange County District 3	6/24/2025
Lezak, Steven D.	Orange County District 3	8/19/2025
Pujols, Jhamil G.	Orange County District 5	1/4/2025
Reddick, Samuel Hashim	Orange County District 2	8/17/2025
Saavedra, Maria Fernanda	Orange County District 1	4/14/2025
Smith, Stefen	Orange County District 2	10/30/2024
Spies, Randiesa	Orange County District 3	6/27/2024